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City Hall to hire own surf camp, continue monitoring noise at SMO

Editor's note: This story is part of an ongoing series that tracks the city's expenditures appearing on upcoming Santa Monica City Council consent agendas. Consent agenda items are routinely passed by the City Council with little or no discussion from elected officials or the public. However, many of the items have been part of public discussion in the past.

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The shrinking surf camp universe in Santa Monica is getting even smaller.

More than a year after City Hall instituted a new permitting system to regulate surfing instruction, dramatically decreasing the presence of camps on the beach, the number of licensed companies is slated to go down by half.

The City Council tonight is expected to grant City Hall's lone camp contract to Surf Academy, which along with Perfect Day Surf Camp — the permit recipient for independent companies — will be the only two operators this summer.

The $260,000 contract with Surf Academy, which will make it the official city provider, is part of a $2.1 million spending package the council is scheduled to approve at the meeting.

Aiming to alleviate overcrowding and rid the beach of a circus-like atmosphere, City Hall last summer awarded four surf camps — two city contractors and two independent providers — a permit to operate on the north and south sides of the Santa Monica Pier.

While the new system generally received good marks from camps and beach patrons, City Hall decided to further decrease the number of permits to one city contractor and one independent provider in order to better manage the situation on the south side of the beach.

"We had to reduce it because they were so close to each other and it was very difficult to manage," Callie Hurd, the open space manager for City Hall, said. "The lifeguards were

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TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT: **A private jet fly's overhead on its way to the Santa Monica Airport on Monday afternoon. The City Council is expected tonight to spend $242,261 to maintain a noise monitoring system at SMO.**



Detectives release sketch of gunman

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY Detectives released a composite sketch Monday of the man suspected of opening fire at three women north of Montana avenue, wounding two of them.

The women were standing behind an apartment building Friday night on San Vicente Boulevard near Palisades Park when they were approached by a gunman in a black-hooded sweatshirt. He fired several shots at them and fled on foot.

Two doctors were in the area and rushed to the aid of two of the wounded and cared for them until paramedics arrived and took them to area hospitals. The injuries were described as non-life threatening.

Investigators described an "unknown" gunman in his mid 20s, 5-feet, 7-inches to 6 feet tall, and approximately 180 pounds. Later, police said their preliminary investigation indicated the victims may have been specifically targeted as a result of "previous incidents in which they were involved."

Lt. Daniel Salerno said they would not discuss those incidents because of the ongoing investigation.

Anyone with additional information is encouraged to call the SMPD detectives at (310) 458-8451 or the watch commander at (310) 458-8427 (24 hours). Anyone wishing to remain anonymous may call the SMPD Tip Line at (310) 458-8449.

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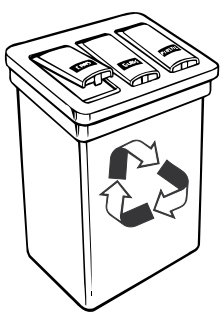


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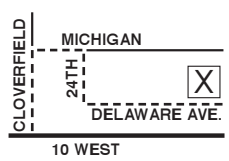
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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



Poetry Reading
Barnes & Noble
1201 Third St., 7 p.m.
In addition to being National Arab American Heritage Month and Jazz Appreciation Month, April has the distinction of also being the National Poetry Month! Celebrate National Poetry Month with two respected local poets, Jamey Hect and Tim Green.

Story Time for Twos
Ocean Park Branch Library
2601 Main St., 10 a.m. — 11 a.m.
Join Mr. Jessie for a lively story time session featuring songs, rhymes, stories and puppets. Admission is free. Call (310) 392-3804 for more information.

Wednesday, April 29, 2009

Reflection
Zanzibar
1301 5th St., 9 p.m. — 1 a.m.
Joshua Silverstein presents multiethnic event Reflection featuring musical guests Shakti, Jimetta, GaKnew, Shoobie and DJ Al
One for a night of dancing. Get ready for an evening of groove and peace. Admission is a soul-satisfying $7. Contact Zanzibar for more information.

Spicy salsa!
Club Main
2941 Main St., 7:30 p.m.
Get down and shake off your stress and troubles with some hot salsa dancing. Beginning and intermediate salsa lessons available between 7:30 and 9 for $15 a pop. Dancing is free after 9 p.m. Club Main offers drink specials between 7 and 9. Call (310) 392-3493 for more information.

Thursday, April 30, 2009

What's new this week?
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 1 p.m. — 2:30 p.m.
Join a free-wheeling review and discussion of the week's key news stories at home and abroad moderated by Jack Nordhaus. Call (310) 450-0443 for more information.

JUMP screening
Santa Monica Public Library, MLK Jr. Auditorium
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Inspired by Mark Twain's "The Celebrated Jumping Frogs of Calaveras County," thousands converge upon Calaveras County to see whose frog will jump the farthest each spring. This heartfelt "frogumentary" uncovers a historical community that still honors its connection to a wild west past. Filmmaker Justin Bookey will provide a Q and A following the screening. Call (310) 458-8600 for more information.

"Made Me Nuclear"
Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 Fourth St., 8 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.
Charlie Lustman's original pop music operetta about surviving cancer is continuing to play in its seventh straight month. It is written and performed b Charlie Lustman and directed b Chris DeCarlo. Tickets are $20 and can be bought online. Visit www.mademenuclear.com or call (866) 486-3399 for more information.

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

THIRD STREET PROMENADE AND PIER

Gumball 3000 kicks off Friday

So it's finally official.

Gumball 3000, the international road trip of the stars, will kick off it's 11th annual rally in Santa Monica on Friday, May 1 with a concert on Third Street Promenade and a display of the 120 enrolled cars. The concert will feature L.A.-based rap duo U-N-I, Cypress Hill's DJ Muggs and The Cuban Brothers, and will be held at 7 p.m. on the Arizona Avenue block of the promenade. The cars run the gamut of styles and utility, from the "greenest" hybrid to date to a $5 million Bugatti racer. They will be on display to the public starting at 9:30 a.m. at the 1550 parking lot, just north of the Santa Monica Pier. The drivers are as varied as their vehicles. Extreme sports stars like Tony Hawk will hit the road with actor David Hasselhoff, and luminaries from the fashion world will hobnob with race car drivers. An exclusive after-party for the drivers and VIP guests will be held at the Viceroy Santa Monica. The official start is on Saturday, May 2 at 1 p.m. when each car will be individually announced as it starts its engine. That will begin eight days of driving, from Santa Monica to Miami. The event took several months of negotiations between City Hall and Gumball producers to get off the ground due to concerns about crowds and safety, particularly after the city's experience with large crowds brought in by the outdoor arts festival, Glow. DAILY PRESS

ANNENBERG COMMUNITY BEACH HOUSE

Beach ride starts engines

The Big Blue Bus will launch its new "Beach Ride" service to the recently opened Annenberg Community Beach House beginning this Saturday. The route opens at 9:30 a.m. with buses leaving every half hour. The last bus leaves the Beach House at 6:35 p.m. Regular fare is 50 cents and another 50 cents per transfer, while fare for seniors aged 62 and up, disabled and Medicare passengers is 25 cents and 10 cents per transfer. In addition to the beach house, the new route will service the Santa Monica Pier, a variety of beachfront hotels and restaurants, the Montana Avenue Shopping District, Santa Monica Civic Auditorium and the Ocean Park library. It will also provide ready access to the City Hall, Santa Monica UCLA Medical Center, Lincoln and John Adams middle schools and Santa Monica College. The 5-acre beach house officially opened on April 26. The main buildings, volleyball and beach tennis courts, meeting spaces, children's play areas and Back on the Beach Café are open daily from 8:30 a.m. to sunset. The community pool will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. starting in May. The city encourages people to take public transportation to the beach house as parking is limited. DP



SMOOTH MOVE

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Ajani 'Pinto' Bryant gets air at the 2009 L.A. All Day skate contest at the Santa Monica Boys and Girls club skate park on Saturday afternoon.

Number of swine flu cases hits 11

SHAYA TAYEFE MOHAJER
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES With the number of California swine flu cases growing Monday, health officials urged residents to take precautions and report symptoms but sought to assure them the danger of contracting the disease is low.

Most people went about their business as usual, but others like Maria Whipple of San Diego were anxious about the outbreak that has claimed nearly 150 lives in Mexico. She donned a surgical mask as she returned home from a business trip in Tijuana.

"People think this is a joke. It's not a joke. I'm worried about it," Whipple said.

The state had 11 confirmed cases of swine flu, with five each in San Diego and Imperial counties and one in Sacramento County, according to Dr. Gil Chavez, deputy director for the state Center for Infectious Disease.

"The outbreak is a call to action and communication and cooperation on every level," Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said at a Beverly Hills news conference. He said the state was prepared and that public health authorities were working in conjunction with state emergency management officials.

With 149 swine flu deaths in Mexico — where schools have been closed nationwide — the disease has captured international attention, but California officials are trying to inform the public without causing a scare. While 40 cases have been reported nationally, no one in the United States has died.

"So far, the disease has been fairly mild and like any influenza season, we expect this to last for weeks as we move along and find out more about this virus," said Dr. Bonnie Sorensen, chief deputy director of the California Department of Public Health.

The state is also investigating other cases.

Most of California's cases occurred in counties that border Mexico but officials said the first seven cases reported did not appear to be connected directly to Mexico. All the victims said they did not travel to Mexico and relatives in that country did not visit recently.

At the San Ysidro border crossing where about 40,000 vehicles enter the U.S. daily from Tijuana, some who crossed the border on foot wore surgical masks.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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The Earth is not an ashtray

Editor:

I have been a Santa Monica resident for six beautiful years. I Love Santa Monica, but it fascinates me that the local cigarette smokers use our city as an ashtray. I am pleading with the cigarette smokers to stop littering, which is against the law and if you did not know it takes 10 to 20 years for the filters to biodegrade, and the filters end up in our oceans and on our beaches. I am not telling you to stop smoking. That is your own choice but please be a responsible, conscious smokers. Imagine if people having sex would throw their condoms out on the street when their finished. It is the same process with smokers. Your pleasure should not be the Earth's pain. I guess we learned the flicking of the cigarette on to the street by some old Hollywood film our watching our uncle do it who we looked up to, when we didn't know any better. So please smokers, stop being buttheads and get it together. I dedicate this letter to my neighbors.

Matthew Muzio
Santa Monica

A little encouragement

Editor:

Dear Mr. Neworth, I loved your column and after reading about all the nasty e-mails you received on your column dealing with MADD [Mothers Against Drunk Driving], I thought you might like to see a positive one!

My my, how we do defend our wrongs! The people who complained should take their cigarettes and booze up on a mountain and just kill themselves any way they want to — all by themselves. Unfortunately for the rest of us, instead they climb into a huge killing machine and think they can drive.

After working for 10 years (back in the '70s) with substance abusers (on the "vomit line" as one expert put it), I know all too well the addict's mind (what's left of it). They say they are only hurting themselves and never count the bodies on the road killed by drunks or the women brutalized or the children abused physically and/or sexually, or the men who put up with drunk partners' violence.

I also ran a program for people convicted of DUI. One of the things we spoke about was the different drugs and how they affect the person. If you took three people, one drinking alcohol, one smoking pot and one doing LSD, and put them in front of a locked door, the person smoking pot would sit down and wait for someone to open the door; the LSD person would think they could go through the keyhole; and the drunk would "break the ... door down."

Anyway — always enjoy your columns. ... Keep up the good work! I, for one, am a fan.

Marilyn Brennan
Santa Monica





Back to Nature

Reese Halter

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Mother Nature's medicine cabinet

THE DIVERSITY OF LIFE ON OUR PLANET is astounding. And given enough time and careful management of our natural resources, science will find cures for most of the ailments that afflict humankind.

Between 40 and 90 million North Americans suffer from pain. It's the most common reason that people visit physicians. The annual cost of medical bills and lost wages easily exceeds $100 billion. Sales of morphine and morphine-derived products in the U.S. alone cost $650 million per year. Morphine is addictive, constipating and causes respiratory distress; and over time more of it is needed to obtain relief.

Coral reefs are the largest non-human made organisms' on our planet, adding a whopping 200 tons of new growth a year. They are easily the equivalent in biological diversity to that of the Amazon rainforests.

Globally, there are about 500 species of exquisitely mottled tapering shells of cone snails. One species from the Philippines contains a toxin that is 100 times more potent than morphine.

The drug Prialt derived from this cone snail is effectively treating pain, including phantom-limb pain; it's non addictive and the human body does not appear to develop a tolerance.

Currently, we know of about 1.5 million different species on our planet. The oceans likely contain 100 million forms of life yet to be discovered.

More than 100 different varieties of cancer exist. Soft corals from northwest Australia produce the most potent anti-cancer compounds ever found. One of these compounds, eleutherobin, is being trialed to combat both ovarian and breast cancers. It may become an efficacious tool to treat patients who suffer from taxol-resistant cancers. (Taxol comes from the Pacific yew tree.)

Ocean derived pharmaceuticals are so important that Merck, Lilly, Pfizer, Hoffman-Roche and Bristol Myers Squibb have all established marine biology divisions.

Caribbean sea squirts produce ecteinascidin offering promise for those diagnosed with melanoma and breast cancers.

Sponges from the Florida Keys contain cytosine arabinoside, which has been improving treatments for Leukemia since 1969.

Sponges are very efficient at fighting off viruses. The compound adenine arabinoside vidarabine is effective against herpes and shingles. Research from sponges lead scientists to develop the blockbuster AIDS drug AZT.

Australian sponges yield potent chemicals for treatment of falciparum malaria — one of the most lethal and drug-resistant forms. Another sponge has compounds known as topsentins or anti-inflammatories that can be employed in treatments of sunburn and even arthritis.

A deep water Caribbean sponge has compounds 1000 times stronger than cyclosporin an effective immunosuppressant.

Coral, incidentally, is the most effective treatment in re-growing human bones and it requires no immunosuppressants.

Australian scientists are developing new sunscreens from the Great Barrier Reef that will be used in cosmetics and tanning lotions.

Tropical rainforests too should be thought of as nature's treasure trove of medicines. Venom from the Brazilian viper lead to a blockbuster drug called Capoten, which successfully lowers blood pressure and is worth $1.75 billion in sales annually. The iridescent poison dart frogs from northwest Columbia produce epibatidine which is being tested as a non-sedating, non-addictive, non-opioid painkiller.

Plant medicine also reduces the risk of cancers, heart disease, liver disease and respiratory disease. And they are helping to combat drug resistant diseases like TB and malaria.

Five of the world's top 30 drugs are derived from fungi — Penicillin being the most noteworthy. Fungi are the least studied and most promising groups of therapeutic organisms. Merck's blockbuster drug Lovastatin comes from a soil fungus and it's used to lower cholesterol. The Swiss pharmaceutical Sandoz discovered the immunosuppressant cyclosporin from the insect-killing Cordyceps fungus and changed human-organ transplant surgery. Thousands of species of fungi are known and likely another million are awaiting discovery.

Of all the 1.5 million or so species classified on Earth, more than half are insects. The insect world is a veritable drugstore of pharmacodynamic agents.

The defense glands of many aquatic beetles brim with steroids, a group of chemicals used in a variety of medicines from birth control pills to anti-inflammatory agents. One beetle, Colymbetes fuscus, produces chemicals that lower blood pressure in mammals.

Bug-drugs are able to bind to bacterial cell walls and punch holes in them, killing bacteria. Penicillin, on the other hand, interferes with the ability of bacteria to build cell walls and reproduce.

The more we look in the natural world, the more we find.

Technology can't replace nature, but it can help us modify and improve natural products for medicine, industry and agriculture.

The race is on to better manage our relationship with all species on Earth — invariably it will ensure a better life for our children's future.

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What's the Point?

David Pisarra
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Who's your daddy?

I WAS WALKING MY DOG IN VIRGINIA Avenue Park last week, when I struck up a conversation with one of the city workers. He's a young man who was so happy and proud that he just landed a full-time position with the parks and recreation department. Now he could support his children better. He's a young man with a couple of kids that he raises with his ex-girlfriend. Together they have worked out a system for childcare and sharing the responsibilities of parenting. It was a pleasant change from what I normally see. In one day this week, I had two separate appointments with men who were trying to work out co-parenting problems with their exes, and were coming to me after the fact to learn the effects of what they had done.

One man was an older gentleman who'd raised his first son by himself. In this latest marriage, the child was conceived by in vitro fertilization after his wife had left him once and returned, because she wanted a baby and he thought that would fix their problems. As soon as she was definitely pregnant, she left him for good. It was 11 months into the marriage.

The second man was a youngster, who was in his early 30s and had just been informed by his non-live-in girlfriend that she was pregnant. She told him that she didn't really want him to be an active father. She did expect him to pay child support, but didn't think he should have much to do with the pregnancy or the child afterwards. Though she was fine with him paying for her pregnancy classes. Neither of these men were stupid, teenagers or generally impulsive. Both seemed like genuinely decent guys who were just caught up in a relationship dynamic that caused them pain. Neither of them thought they had made a mistake, and both men genuinely wanted to be fathers. The younger one was actually quite excited to be a father, as it would be his first child. I think I understand what drove these women to pick these men. Both were intelligent and good looking. One had a good history as a father and was a strong earner. The other was a good genetic catch in his physicality and emotional makeup. Each of these men will eventually get to see their children every other weekend, and once or twice a week for dinners. They might get to share holidays and every other birthday.

If they pay their child support on time, they can avoid being on the latest Lifetime reality show, "Deadbeat Dads." A show that is under fire from many quarters for its depiction of dads as uncaring and selfish.

From where I sit, these guys are getting the short end of the stick. They were used as sperm donors and are now being used as ATM's. But they don't see it that way. They see that they are being denied the opportunity to be an active participant in their children's lives; that they are being denied the rights of fathers for millennia to raise their children. They are cut out of their role as father, and then blamed for not being there, which is a crying shame, because both of them would make great dads given half a chance for more interaction with their children. It's ironic that men like these are the ones who are called selfish and uncaring, because it strikes me that the mothers who deny these men the pleasures of fatherhood, also deny their children the benefits of having a devoted and loving father in their lives. It is those women who so desperately want a child that they will deceive a man into impregnating them, without thinking that he might actually want to be a father, that are the most selfish.

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Which is not to say that there aren't men who want nothing to do with their children. There are. But for those men who actually want to be a father, and there are a lot of them, when they are used as sperm donors, it's really painful, and selfish. And the crime of it all, is that the child is the one who loses the most in that situation.

Addendum to last week's column:

I've been asked by several people where they can see "Planet Money — The Economy, Explained," which was sponsored by KCRW and Entrepreneurs Organization. It's available on www.KCRW.com as a free download.

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The Q Line

Tough choices

City Manager Lamont Ewell has asked hundreds of city employees to forego performance bonuses to prevent cuts to services and possible layoffs because of a reduction in revenue.

So this week's Q-Line question asks:

Do you think employees should give up their bonuses or should the city find alternative means to cut costs?

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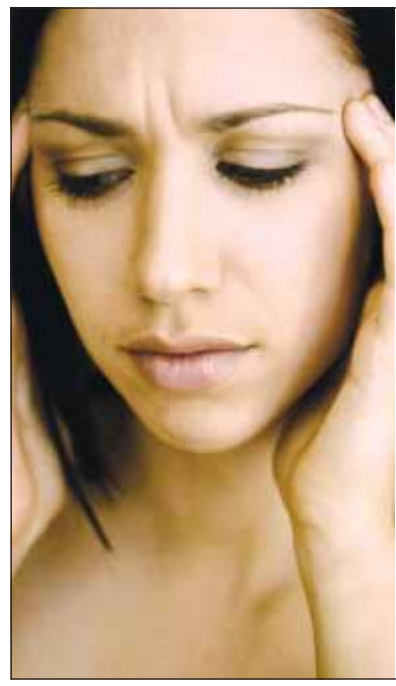

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Endangered places list includes 1960s Century Plaza Hotel

JACOB ADELMAN
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES The Century Plaza Hotel has hosted President-elect Ronald Reagan's victory celebration, a welcome home gala for the Apollo 11 astronauts and Bob Hope's celebrity-studded Century Ball.

Now a preservation group is trying to save the historic structure from the wrecking ball.

The hotel is on the list of the most endangered historic places in the country scheduled to be released Tuesday by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

The organization, a private, nonprofit group founded in 1949, releases the list each year to rally support for protecting the historic sites it sees as endangered by neglect or development.

Actress Diane Keaton, a trustee of the group, said the Los Angeles hotel is worth saving.

"It's curvy, it's this beautiful kind of crescent shape," she said. "It's a sexy building."

Other sites on the list include the Utah hangar that housed the Enola Gay B-29 bomber that dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan; the Hawaiian town of Lanai City featuring plantation-style homes built by 1920s pineapple baron James Dole; and Miami Marine Stadium, which along with the Century Plaza is an example of 1960s modernist architecture that preservationists say is increasingly under threat of redevelopment.

It's hard for a generation that has grown up with such architecture to recognize it as historically significant, said Richard Moe, director of the trust.

"The problem is we're losing most of the best examples before they become historic," Moe said.

The Century Plaza Hotel was built at the core of the Century City, a district of high-rises in Los Angeles on the former site of a 20th Century Fox movie lot.

The hotel, which opened in 1966, was designed by architect Minoru Yamasaki, whose later work included New York City's World Trade Center towers.

The 19-story hotel has been a popular place to stay for Washington politicos when they visited Los Angeles, earning it the nickname "West Coast White House."

The hotel's ballrooms hosted Reagan's election parties in the 1980s. Numerous other dignitaries and celebrities have filed past its doormen — dressed in Beefeater uniforms — for their own high-profile galas.

A $36 million facelift was completed in 2008, months before it was bought by a partnership led by investor Michael Rosenfeld. In December, the group announced a $2 billion plan to replace the metal and glass structure with two sleek skyscrapers containing condos and shops.

Rosenfeld has said the project will attract full-time residents to a pedestrian-friendly environment in what has been a notoriously sterile corner of the city.

Developers also say the new structure will cut energy use.

Preservationists reject those arguments.

"Find a vacant lot instead of tearing down this mass of steel and concrete," Keaton said. "You won't be using up all that energy tearing down a building."

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GM to shed Pontiac, cut 21,000 U.S. factory jobs

KIMBERLY S. JOHNSON
Associated Press Writer

DETROIT General Motors Corp. could be majority owned by the federal government under a massive restructuring plan laid out Monday that will cut 21,000 U.S. factory jobs by next year and phase out the storied Pontiac brand.

The plan, which includes an offer to swap roughly $27 billion in bond debt for GM stock, would leave current shareholders holding just 1 percent of the century-old company, which is fighting for its life in the worst auto sales climate in 27 years.

GM is living on $15.4 billion in government loans and said Monday in a filing with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission that it envisions receiving an additional $11.6 billion. But if GM's restructuring plan can't satisfy the government by June 1, the struggling company could go into bankruptcy protection.

GM said that it will ask the government to take more than 50 percent of its common stock in exchange for canceling half the government loans to the company as of June 1. The swap would cancel about $10 billion in government debt.

In addition, GM is offering stock to the United Auto Workers for at least 50 percent of the $20 billion the company must pay into a union run trust that will take over retiree health care expenses starting next year.

If both are successful, the government and UAW health care trust would own 89 percent of GM stock, with the government holding more than a 50 percent stake, CEO Fritz Henderson said in a news conference at GM's Detroit headquarters.

President Barack Obama's administration said in a statement that the bond exchange filing is an important step in GM's restructuring but the administration has not made a final decision about taking stock for part of its loans.

"The interim plan that GM laid out in this filing reflects the work GM has done since March 30 to chart a new path to financial viability. We will continue to work with GM's management as it refines and finalizes this plan and with all of GM's stakeholders to help GM restructure consistent with the president's commitment to a strong, vibrant American auto industry," the statement said.

Henderson said that although the government would own a majority of GM's outstanding common shares, the Treasury "hasn't demonstrated interest in running the company," but would have someone on the board looking out for the taxpayers' interest. The task force has directed current board chairman Kent Kresa to replace several board members.

"The shareholders, the VEBA (health care trust) and the government would want to have a someone on the board of directors," he said.

Deals with the UAW and the Treasury have yet to be finalized, he said.

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City Hall to hire consultant to preserve neighborhoods

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having (trouble) keeping the groups separate and it was a challenging situation to ensure everyone's safety."

Hurd added that the number of camps was scaled back on the north side of the pier because there was a group located immediately in front of the new Annenberg Community Beach House, which opened over the weekend.

"We don't know what the demand will be for that parking lot and we thought it might not be a good time to make the area more congested than we anticipated it would already be," she said.

If the demand for the parking lot is less than expected, a surf camp might be restored in the location, Hurd said.

In addition to the camps, City Hall has already issued 10 permits to instructors who are qualified to teach one or two students at a time. A permit has also been issued to Malibu Longboards, which will provide lessons for walk-up customers at Tower 18, which is in front of the beachside luxury hotels. Another two permits have also been granted to sand camps, which don't provide surfing instruction.

The council is also expected to grant a $207,000 contract to Socceropolis to provide youth soccer camps and classes.

The agreements with both Surf Academy and Socceropolis stipulate that approximately 80 percent of each registration fee go to the contractors while the remaining 20 percent be allocated to City Hall, offsetting contract costs and bringing in approximately $130,000 to the general fund.

NOISE MONITORING FOR AIRPORT

To ensure that sound levels from incoming and outgoing aircraft remain in compliance with local regulations, City Hall is expected to enter a new contract with Era Corp. for continued maintenance of its noise monitoring system.

The estimated $242,261 contract secures the services of Era Corp. for another five years. Formerly known as BAE Systems, Era Corp. owns sole proprietary rights over the hardware and software used in the existing system at Santa Monica Airport.

Noise from the aircraft has long been an issue at SMO, which has been a target of criticism by its neighbors.

"The reliable and accurate operation of the noise monitoring system is critical in the enforcement of the noise ordinance in conducting the airport's noise abatement program," Acting Airport Director Bob Trimborn stated in his report to council.

PRESERVING THE NEIGHBORHOODS

With the Land Use and Circulation Element still in development, city officials are preparing to take an in-depth look at one of the most crucial elements of the 20-year-general plan — neighborhoods.

The council will be asked to authorize a

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PAYING RESPECT

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Muscle Beach 'queen' Paula Unger Boelsems organized a memorial at the site of the original Muscle Beach in Santa Monica on Sunday to honor recently deceased Muscle Beach veterans Armand Tanny, Glenn Sundby and Irvin 'Zabo' Woszewski. The sendoff included a clumsy '21-handstand salute' and the tossing of flowers into the Pacific Ocean.

Paying attention to customers

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new $120,000 contract with The Phipps Group, which will be responsible for identifying necessary tools to preserve and enhance the neighborhoods. The consultant is also expected to receive an additional $50,000 in an existing contract to integrate new concepts into the LUCE and assist city staff with customer service improvements.

The LUCE recommends that City Hall strengthens neighborhoods by following four guiding principals — keeping new development in scale with the existing neighborhood; mandating "respectful" transitions between new and existing buildings; encouraging conservation of older apartment buildings that are deemed key aspects of the neighborhoods; and recognizing the importance of streets and sidewalks as open space.

The consultant will be responsible for incorporating the guiding principals through research, analysis and outreach.

"The end product will be a report recommending neighborhood specific strategies and tools, developed in partnership with residents, property owners and the preservation community," Ellen Gelbard, assistant director of planning and community development, said in a staff report.

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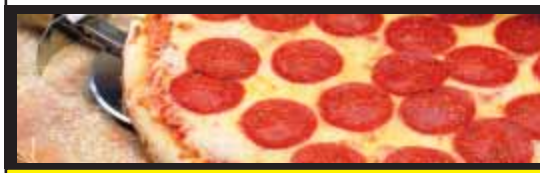
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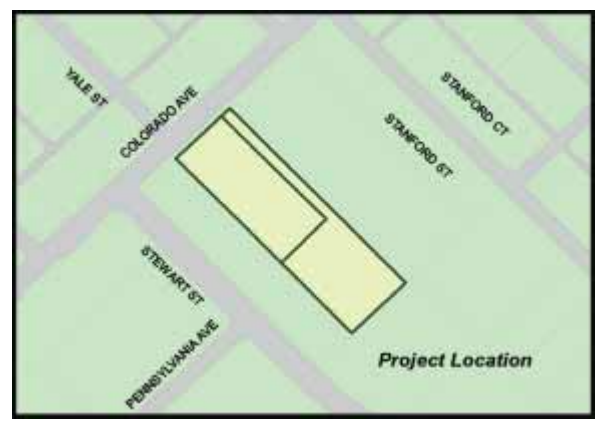
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The number is expected to rise to 200,000 pounds from 5,000 residents a year within the next two fiscal years. Waste collected from the center includes paint, batteries and fluorescent lamps.

"As the incumbent contractor, GEM has demonstrated consistent and reliable environmental services, and proper management and transportation of hazardous waste utilizing well qualified and professional staff," Dean Kubani, the director of the Office of Sustainability and the Environment, stated in his report.

CHANGES IN POLICE UNION CONTRACT

The City Council is expected to approve a change in its contract with the Santa Monica Police Officers Association to raise the cap on City Hall's contribution toward the medical insurance plan.

The change, which would increase the cap for medical insurance premiums to 12 percent, is expected to cost City Hall no more than $358,620 for the upcoming fiscal year and up to $399,900 for fiscal 2010-11.

CONTINUING OFFICE SPACE LEASE

The Code Compliance Division will stay in its offices at 525 Broadway for another few months as it waits for its new home at the Civic Center Parking Structure, which is under construction.

City Hall previously leased spaces at the office building for CityTV and Information Systems Department, both of which have moved to other locations in Santa Monica. The only other department — Code Compliance — will have to remain as tenant improvement construction work continues at the parking structure on Fourth Street and Olympic Drive.

The two-month extension in the lease will cost City Hall nearly $20,000.

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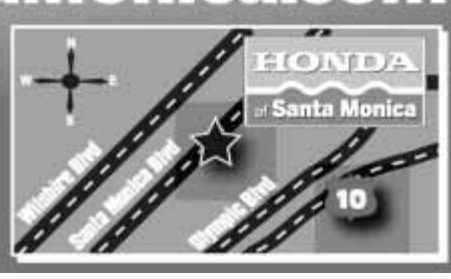
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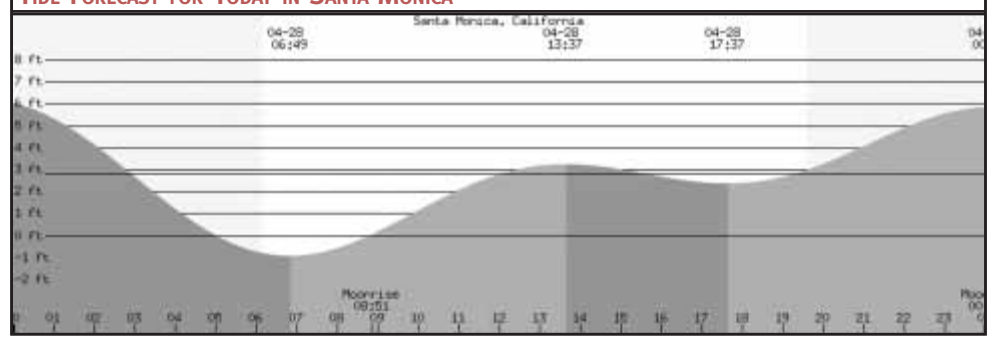
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Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	D	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach	A+	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	C	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily	C	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A+	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	F	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	D	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	ns

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua)	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	D	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	B	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)	A	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A+	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	ns
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Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A	ns

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
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2:15, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15

Sunshine Cleaning (R) 1hr 42min
4:25, 9:30

Observe and Report (R) 1hr 46min
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Crank High Voltage (R) 1hr 25min
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Hannah Montana: The Movie (G) 1hr 42min
2:05, 4:40, 7:15, 9:45

Earth (G) 1hr 30min
2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

Monsters vs. Aliens 3D (PG) 1hr 34min
1:40, 4:05, 6:30, 9:00

Fighting (PG-13) 1hr 45min
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Goodbye Solo (NR) 1hr 46min
1:30, 7:10

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1:00, 2:30, 5:00, 6:30, 7:30, 10:00

I Love You, Man (R) 1hr 50min
2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10

State of Play (PG-13) 1hr 58min
1:10, 3:30, 4:20, 7:20, 9:20, 10:20

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2:20, 4:50, 7:10, 9:40

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Be spontaneous, Pisces

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Your imagination leads in conversations. The unexpected occurs. If you follow through on a friend's idea, you could be taken aback by the magnitude of the end results. Tonight: Mosey on home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Finish up a financial agreement or a piece of work. You might be balancing your checkbook. In any case, your way of dealing with problems proves to be inspired. Tonight: Talk up a storm.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Your personality melts barriers, and others respond. Good news inspires you way beyond the call of duty. A brainstorming session could bring surprising results if spontaneity is honored. Don't get involved in a financial power play; walk away. Tonight: Treat yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ You might be slow to start, but by the end of the day, you will be right along with everyone else. You are full of fun and personality. Suddenly your comrades surround you. Be careful with someone who might be extremely alluring. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Don't lose your focus today, or you could be playing catch-up for quite a while. Partners, associates and friends all seem to buzz in with great ideas. Carefully investigate questionable opportunities. Tonight: Where the gang is.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Take a stand. Be willing to follow through on what you deem important and not back off. Others remember your words and stance today. Key matters, errands and discussions need to be postponed until the end of the day. Tonight: Where people are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Work with news that heads in your direction. You might have the energy and perspective needed. Excitement earmarks your actions and directions. Others will expect you to take the lead, whether you are ready or not. Tonight: Could be late.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ A partner dominates the scene. Your ability to define a situation could play a role. Clearly someone else wants to be heard. Don't feel challenged by what goes down. Still, you would be wise to step back and let someone else step up to the plate. Tonight: Put on a favorite piece of music.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Others dominate the scenario, whether you like it or not. What is clear is that you might not have any choice. Listen to what others suggest, even if you are not sure you agree. Communication could flourish in an unprecedented way. Tonight: Dinner for two.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Once more, fatigue earmarks your day. Delegate if possible, and if you can, avoid any heavy talks. Defer conversations of importance until tomorrow morning. Know when enough is enough. Tonight: Sort through your choices.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Let go of your inhibitions to a level where your libido pops. You have ideas, suggestions and different solutions. Others listen. Be careful when dealing with financial matters. You pulled the wild card in this area. Tonight: Fun is here.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ If possible, work from home. You will get more done. Still, a situation could make you more nervous than you might like. Try to reframe the situation or what is stressing you. You might be able to rest more easily. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

Happy birthday

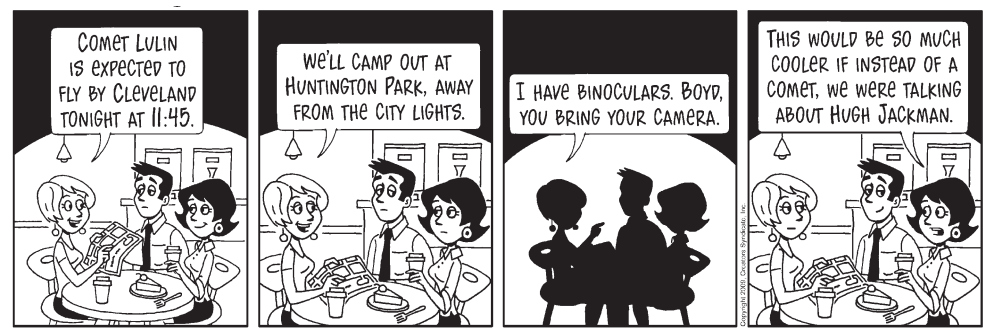
JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★ Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

This year, you will be verbal about your concerns. Learn to speak even more about what you want and ask for opinions. Stay on top of your game, and be aware of your options. Others see you as friendly and extroverted. Touch base with those in charge who often have great ideas but might not be as exact about how they follow through. Bring clarity to others' vagueness. If you are single, you will meet people more easily the beginning of 2010. A meaningful relationship is more likely then. If you are attached, you will grow closer together with common goals. CANCER reads you cold.

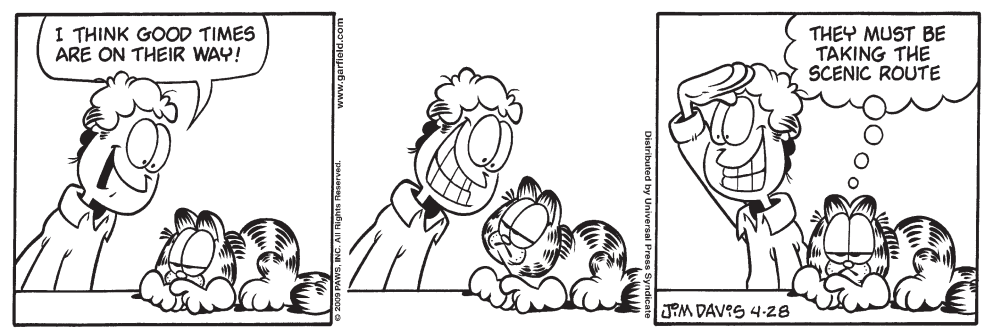
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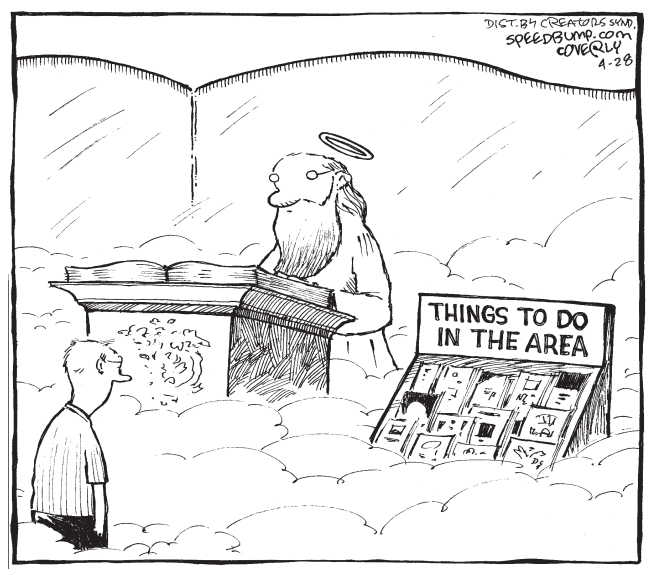
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Difficulty Level ★★

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GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

9	3	2	8	6	5	4	1	7
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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1 Diamond corners
6 Second president
11 Quartet doubled
12 Fleet-related
13 Nicholas Sparks book
15 Skirt edge
16 Chum
17 Tie the knot
18 Lionel Hampton's instrument
20 Like old photos
23 Factions
27 Wildly eager
28 Roman forum garb
29 Coffee-bar order
31 Like bad software
32 Get some shuteye
34 Bart, to Homer
37 Crew need
38 Letter after pi
41 Nicholas Sparks book
44 Ventilated
45 Smile upon
46 Winter footgear
47 Letter before iota

DOWN

1 This and that
2 Sore spot
3 Flower part
4 Long fish
5 Doltish
6 Low joints
7 Week part
8 Swear
9 Lion feature
10 Winter glider
14 Taxi
18 Gambling mecca
19 Ab strengthener
20 Passing craze
21 Ripen
22 Sawbones
24 Beagle or boxer
25 Mayo ingredient
26 Pronounce
30 Deluges
31 Deprived
33 Have lunch
34 Rough guess
35 Columbus' home
36 Notorious emperor
38 Wander
39 Owl call
40 Gumbo veggie
42 Badminton need
43 Scrooge cry

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EVENING: 1 5 2

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ When Alcoa Inc. prepared to build an aluminum smelting plant in Iceland in 2004, the government forced it to hire an expert to assure that none of the country's legendary "hidden people" lived underneath the property. The elf-like goblins provoke genuine apprehensiveness in many of the country's 300,000 natives (who are all, reputedly, related by blood). An Alcoa spokesman told Vanity Fair writer Michael Lewis (for an April 2009 report) that the inspection (which delayed construction for six months) was costly but necessary: "(W)e couldn't be in the position of acknowledging the existence of hidden people." (Lewis offered several explanations for the country's spectacular financial implosion in 2008, including Icelanders' incomprehensible superiority complex that convinced many lifelong fishermen that they were gifted investment bankers.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1952 war with Japan officially ended as a treaty signed in San Francisco the year before took effect.

1958 the United States conducted the first of 35 nuclear test explosions in the Pacific Proving Ground as part of Operation Hardtack I. Vice President Richard Nixon and his wife, Pat, began a goodwill tour of Latin America that was marred by hostile mobs in Lima, Peru, and Caracas, Venezuela.

1967 heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali refused to be inducted into the Army, the same day Gen. William C. Westmoreland told Congress the U.S. "would prevail in Vietnam."

1988 a flight attendant was killed and more than 60 people injured when part of the roof of an Aloha Airlines Boeing 737 tore off during a flight from Hilo to Honolulu.

1996 a man armed with a semiautomatic rifle opened fire on tourists on the Australian island of Tasmania, killing 35 people; Martin Bryant was captured by police after a 12-hour standoff at a guest cottage. (Bryant is serving a life sentence.)

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